Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting patterns of payments for said resource <u>over a plurality of users</u> in electronic security value units; and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

 (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said predetermined patterns of payment,

wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack is indicated.

- 3. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said resource is a set of resources.
- 4. (New) A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting incoming patterns of payments received for said resource in electronic security value units; and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

5. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said
predetermined patterns of payment,

wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack is indicated.

- 6. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said resource is a set of resources.
- 7. (New) A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting patterns of payments, irrespective of source, for said resource in electronic security value units; and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said
predetermined patterns of payment,

wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack is indicated.

- 9. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said resource is a set of resources.
- 10. (New) A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting patterns of payments for said resource over all users in electronic security value units; and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:

determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said

predetermined patterns of payment,

wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack is indicated.

12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein said resource is a set of resources.